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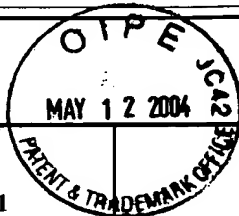
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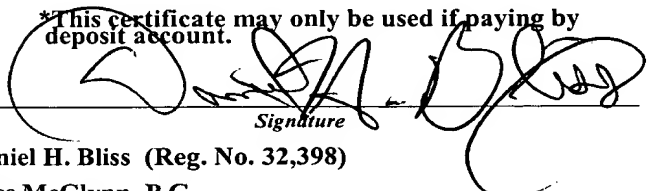
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2,035,486	03/31/1936	Larson			
	4,141,569	02/27/1979	Dilk			
	2004/0046361 A1	03/11/2004	Lewis et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	1-267191	10/25/1989	Japan				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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